

ROLE FOR CONGRESS AND THE PRESIDENT IN WAR

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Held a hearing on the Role for Congress and the President in War: The Recommendations of the National War Powers Commission. Testimony was heard from the following former Secretaries of State; Warren M. Christopher, James A. Baker, III; and Lee Hamilton, also former Chairman of the House Committee on Foreign Affairs.

PUTTING PEOPLE FIRST—A WAY FORWARD FOR THE HOMELAND SECURITY WORKFORCE

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Management, Investigations and Oversight held a hearing entitled “Putting People First: A Way Forward for the Homeland Security Workforce.” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

RULES OF PROCEDURE FOR PRIVATE IMMIGRATION AND CLAIMS BILLS; OTHER ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS; APPROVED REQUESTS FOR DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Immigration, Citizenship, Refugees, Border Security and International Law, Adopted Rules of Procedure and Statement of Policy for Private Immigration bills; Adopted Rules of Procedure for Private Claims bills; Continued the Subcommittee’s Policy on the Granting Federal Charters; and approved requests to the Department of Homeland Security, Departmental Reports on the Beneficiaries of certain private Immigration bills; and reported certain private relief bills.

ENERGY OUTLOOKS—ROLE OF FEDERAL ONSHORE AND OFFSHORE RESOURCES

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources held an oversight hearing entitled “Energy Outlooks, and the Role of Federal Onshore and Offshore Resources in Meeting Future Energy Demand.” Howard K. Gruenspecht, Acting Administrator, Energy Information Administration, Department of Energy; Brenda Pierce, Program Coordinator, Energy Resources Program, U.S. Geological Survey; and a public witness.

STATUS OF THE 2010 CENSUS

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on Information Policy, Census, and National Archives held a hearing Status of 2010 Census Operations. Testimony was heard from Thomas Mesenbourg, Acting Director, U.S. Census Bureau, Department of Commerce; the following officials of the GAO: Robert Goldenkoff, Director, Strategic Issues, and David Powner, Director, Information Technology; and a public witness.

WAIVING A REQUIREMENT OF CLAUSE 6(A) OF RULE XIII WITH RESPECT TO CONSIDERATION OF CERTAIN RESOLUTIONS REPORTED FROM THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Committee on Rules: Granted, by a non-record vote, a rule waiving clause 6(a) of rule XIII (requiring a two-thirds vote to consider a rule on the same day it is reported from the Rules Committee) against certain resolutions reported from the Rules Committee. The rule applies the waiver to any resolution reported on the legislative day of March 6, 2009, providing for consideration or disposition of any measure making appropriations for the fiscal year 2009, and for other purposes.

COST MANAGEMENT ISSUES IN NASA’S ACQUISITIONS AND PROGRAMS

Committee on Science and Technology: Subcommittee on Space and Aeronautics held a hearing on Cost Management Issues in NASA’s Acquisitions and Programs. Testimony was heard from Christopher Scolese, Acting Administrator, NASA; Cristina T. Chaplain, Director, Acquisition and Sourcing Management, GAO; and a public witness.

FAA REAUTHORIZATION ACT; AND THE WATER QUALITY INVESTMENT ACT

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Ordered reported, as amended, the following bills: H.R. 915, FAA Reauthorization Act; and 1262, Water Quality Investment Act.

BRIEFING—HOT SPOTS UPDATE

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Subcommittee on Terrorism, Human Intelligence, Analysis and Counterintelligence met in executive session to receive a briefing entitled “Hot Spots Update.” The Committee was briefed by departmental witnesses.

Joint Meetings

VETERANS’ ORGANIZATIONS LEGISLATIVE PRESENTATIONS

Joint Hearing: Committee on Veterans’ Affairs concluded a joint hearing with the House Committee on Veterans’ Affairs to examine legislative presentations of certain veterans’ organizations, after receiving testimony from Norman Jones, Jr., Blinded Veterans Association, Patrick Campbell, Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America, Ira Novoselsky, Jewish War Veterans of the United States of America, Randy L. Pleva, Sr., Paralyzed Veterans of America, and Dawn Halfaker, Wounded Warrior Project, all of Washington, D.C.; Charles A. Stenger, American